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## **SANEM to promote quality research in B'desh**

Annual Economists' Conference in Feb

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The first Annual Economists' Conference of South Asian Network on Economic Modeling (SANEM) will be held on February 20, 2016. Titled "Bangladesh: Way towards a Middle Income Country", the day-long conference will take place at BRAC Centre Inn, Mohakhali, Dhaka, says a press statement. Professor Wahiduddin Mahmud, former Adviser to the caretaker government and Dr. Martin Rama, Chief Economist of the World Bank in South Asia will be present as the keynote speakers in the inaugural session. Among others, Dr. Shamsul Alam (Member, GED, Planning Commission), Dr. K.A.S Murshid (Director General, BIDS), Dr. Mustafa K. Mujeri (Executive Director, InM), Dr. Ahsan H Mansur (Executive Director, PRI), Professor Mustafizur Rahman (Executive Director, CPD) Professor Mushtaq Khan (SOAS, University of London), Dr. Saad Andaleeb (Vice-Chancellor, BRAC University), Dr. Edgard Rodriguez (IDRC, Canada), Dr. Rizwanul Islam (Former Special Adviser, ILO), , Dr. A.K. Enamul Haque (Professor, Dept. of Economics, East West University), Ambassador Sumith Nakandala (Secretary General, BIMSTEC) and Dr. Saman Kelegama (Executive Director, IPS, Colombo) will attend the event. "The objective of the conference is to promote quality economic research among academicians, researchers, policy advocates, students and young aspiring economists," said Dr Selim Raihan, Executive Director of SANEM. "Another focus of this conference is connecting economists from every corner of the country to bring them on a common platform for knowledge sharing," he added. Dr Raihan, also the convener of the conference, said that the conference would contain paper presentations and discussions on four distinct themes including "Economic Growth", "Poverty and Human Development", "Sectoral Economy" and "Trade and Regional Integration." Also, the launching event of the Bangladesh Labor and Employment Report 2016 will be held during the conference.

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